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## **COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2006**

Cathedral Hill Hotel  
San Francisco, CA 94109

### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by Acting Chair Lambrinos.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lundin.

### **II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum**

Commissioners Present: Marvin Schachter, Joanna Kim-Selby, Henry Lacayo, Brenda Ross, Helen Karr, Benny Yee, Shannon Glavaz, Chuck Ayala, Richard Lundin, Karen Josephson, Lily Lee Chen, Charles Latimer, Connie Chang, Erica Goode, Leah Wyman, Andrew Scharlach  
Commissioners Excused: Sally Acosta, Jim Davis, Celia Esquivel, Cheryl Phillips, and Jon Pynoos  
Guests: Ruth Brunings, Anne Hinton, Kathleen Kelly, George Schofield  
Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Sharon Jenkins  
A quorum was established.

### **III. Introductions**

Ruth Brunings was introduced by Commissioner Chen.

### **IV. Approve Agenda**

M/S/C (Lacayo/Lundin)

**TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 1 MEETING.**

### **V. Approve Minutes**

M/S/C (Ross/Kim-Selby)  
[Karr abstained]

**TO APPROVE THE CCOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

**January 4, 2005; March 9, 2005; April 24, 2005; June 7, 2005; September 7, 2005; and November 13, 2005**

**AND TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

**January 5-6, 2005; April 25, 2005; June 7-8, 2005; September 7-8, 2005 and November 14-15, 2005.**

**VI. Public Comments**

None

**VII. Executive Committee Report – Lacayo**

**A. Review of Executive Committee Meeting**

**1. Joint Reception with TACC**

M/S/C (Latimer/Lundin)

**TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR A JOINT RECEPTION WITH TACC AT THE APRIL MEETING.**

**2. Acknowledge Work of the Executive Committee**

M/S/C (Latimer/Yee)

**TO THANK THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE WORK THEY'VE DONE.**

**B. CSL Transition Report.**

Fitzpatrick reported that CSL is still negotiating with the State Controller's Office to become the administrative entity for CSL as of July 1, 2006. A variety of transition issues must still be resolved. The Worker's Comp claim for a member who fell at the October session has been accepted by State Compensation Insurance Fund and will have a significant impact on CSL's budget.

**C. CCoA Legislative Review**

M/S/C (Kim-Selby/Ross)

**THAT THE CCoA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AS THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 30, 2006.**

D. New Commissioner Introduction

New Commissioner Constance Chang was introduced. Commissioner Chang was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

A. Chinese Delegation Visit Report –Chen

Commissioner Chen reported on the two-hour meeting the CCoA sponsored with 15 visitors from different parts of China. The visitors all worked in aging programs operated by the Chinese government. Chen moderated the meeting. Commissioner Schachter made opening remarks at this meeting. Other presentations were made AARP and the LA City Area Agency on Aging.

B. Nominating Committee Report – Ross/Scharlach

Commissioner Ross announced the following nominations for the Executive Committee:

Chair – Lambrinos

Vice Chair – Esquivel

Members At Large -- Davis, Glavaz, Kim-Selby, Ross, Schachter

Nominations were open from the floor. Lacayo was nominated to serve as an Executive Committee member-at-large.

Staff was directed to prepare a ballot for the election.

**IX. Election of Officers**

Ballots will be distributed towards the end of today's meeting. Results will be announced Wednesday.

Commissioners left the Hotel meeting room at 11:29 a.m. to travel to the site of the working lunch. Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Commissioners returned to Cathedral Hill Hotel at 1:45 p.m.

**X. Policy Considerations for Caregiver Services in California**

Kathleen Kelly, Executive Director, Family Caregiver Alliance, provided an overview of the 20-year effort of California Caregiver Resource Centers to offer services and support to caregivers and discussed policy initiatives. The target population served by the CRCs is families caring for someone with a cognitive impairment over the age of

18. She discussed how caregiver demographics have changed in the 20 years (i.e., younger age and caring for parents rather than spouses).

Kelly identified the following policy initiatives related to caregiving in California: family systems approach; protect families from abuse and stress; workplace policies supportive of family caregivers; coordinated care continuum; ethnic diversity; rurality; lower middle income resource squeeze. She asked the Commission to support AB 298.

### **Full Commission Meeting Reconvened at Cathedral Hill Hotel at 2:38 p.m.**

#### **XI. Overview of the San Francisco Area Agency on Aging**

Anne Hinton, Executor Director

Hinton provided an overview of the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Service. Her agency is unique due to the level of city funding that augments federal and state senior funds. Housing is an important issue to her agency as is the increase in the number of older adults requiring services. Their agency offers information and referral through Resource Centers in 18 languages.

In preparation for the CCoA Hearing tomorrow on disaster preparedness, Hinton briefly discussed disaster planning for the San Francisco area. She indicated that approximately 800 Katrina victims have relocated to the San Francisco area.

#### **XII. Executive Directors Report**

##### **A. CCoA General Activities**

Recruitment continues for the AGPA position. Staff is attending planning meetings for the Senior Summit – to be held May 12, 2006, in Sacramento. Staff is working on WHCoA follow-up and prepping for a meeting with Secretary Belshé. Instructions for the April and May meetings were included in Commissioner's packets. Proceedings from the Mobility Summit (held last March) were distributed to Commissioners. The Director will provide training to the Riverside County AAA Advisory Council this month.

##### **B. Financial Statements**

Financial statements through January 2006 were reviewed. No issues of significance were noted. Commissioners were reminded that the CCoA budget would be reduced with the separation of California Senior Legislature (CSL).

C. CCoA Budget FY 2006-07

The Budget, as submitted to the Governor's office, is essentially status quo except for the reductions that will occur with the CSL separation. Revenues exist to cover routine costs of Commission activities.

D. State Budget FY 2006

Materials were included in the agenda packet related to the impact the Governor's proposed budget would have on aging programs. There are no reductions to the California Department of Aging Budget or the CCoA Operational Budget.

E. Medicare Part D

The agenda packet contained a number of pages that related to the chronology of ensuring coverage for those individuals on both Medi-Cal and Medicare.

Commissioner Latimer related that the San Diego HICAP had to pull all of their trainers from the field just to answer phone calls in the office. Commissioner Josephson stated she has not heard of a single person who has benefited from Part D.

Commissioner Schachter proposed that a resolution be sent to the California Congressional delegation calling on members to hold public hearings related to Part D. In addition, the resolution will identify problems associated with the implementation of Part D. Commissioners discussed the proposed resolution. Commissioners Schachter and Goode agreed to prepare a resolution for tomorrow's meeting.

F. Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger

M/S/C (Scharlach/Chen)

**TO SEND A LETTER TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER THANKING HIM FOR HIS COMMUNICATION TO SECRETARY LEAVIT CALLING FOR A RELAXATION OF PROHIBITIONS AGAINST MEDICATION IMPORTATION FROM CANADA.**

**XIII. White House Conference on Aging: Delegate Debriefing**

**Kim-Selby** – Concerned about not enough time to express own feelings. Felt it was a very controlled meeting. Had questions about mental health and transportation workshops she attended.

**Lacayo** – Concerned that delegates couldn't discuss subjects not on agenda. Was offended that the President didn't attend. Thinks some good things came out of it and that it was useful for Conference first timers.

**Schachter** – Thought the Administration succeeded in burying the Conference and its issues. No ability at the Conference to express individual issues. Was insulted that the President did not attend and felt this led to the press ignoring the Conference.

**Goode** – Echoes Schachter's comments.

**Karr** – Thought they did not have the time to discuss the resolutions. Breakout sessions were great and learned a lot from them. Commented on the Native American advocacy.

**Ayala** – Was impressed with the Conference and the hotel. Was scripted very well. Very well organized. Was not impressed with the voting system on the resolution. Thought that the voting leaned towards prearranged resolutions for the top 10. Felt a lot of the delegates were not knowledgeable about aging issues.

**Wyman** – Thought there was a lot of diversity in the implementation sessions. One was a waste of time. Is wondering how we can make sure there is follow-up.

**Lambrinos** – Was not concerned about the number of resolutions because it is up to the members and who is willing to push them through.

#### **XIV. Election of Officers (Continued from IX above)**

Persons running for the Executive Committee provided a statement of their qualifications and reasons for wanting to serve. Written ballots were distributed to Commissioners who were asked to vote prior to leaving the meeting room.

**Meeting was recessed at 4:49 p.m.**

#### **Thursday, February 2, 2006**

##### **Public Hearing:**

The CCoA held a public hearing from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on "Meeting the Challenge: Disaster Preparedness for Residents of Long Term Care Facilities." Presenting agencies included: California Department of Rehabilitation, American Red Cross, California Association of Health Facilities, San Francisco County Office of Disaster Preparedness, and San Francisco County Public Health Department.

**Full Commission Meeting was reconvened at 11:45 a.m.**

#### **XV. Commissioner Reports**

**Chang** – Pleased to attend her first meeting.

**Glavaz** – Will be hosting junior high students to participate at the hospital.

**Lacayo** – Congress of California Seniors will hold their annual meeting in Sacramento May 21-23, 2006.

**Ayala** – Attended two transportation meetings.

## **XVI. Committee Reports**

### **A. White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Committee**

Commissioner Wyman reported for the Committee, which met this morning. Committee discussed presenting a workshop at the Coordinated Leadership Conference in April and how best to proceed with a statewide post WHCoA event.

### **B. Long Range Strategic Plan on Aging Committee**

Commissioner Scharlach reported for the Committee, which met this morning.

The meeting began with a review of committee's history, charge, and responsibilities. The Committee reviewed the status of the original 11 Task Teams.

The Committee has adopted the following procedures: 1) individual commissioners will take responsibility for an issue and assist staff in preparing for relevant public hearings; 2) these commissioners will liaison with task teams where they exist, and attempt to solicit relevant information from other stakeholders; 3) these commissioners will work with staff to summarize the findings from these activities and develop recommendations.

The Committee recommended that public hearings be held and commissioners volunteered to work with staff on each hearing as follows:

April 2006: Glavaz (Rehabilitation) and Latimer/Lundin (Transportation)

May 2006: Karr (liaison to Senior Summit)

August 2006: Glavaz, Ross, Lacayo, and Josephson (Wellness/ Oral Health)

October 2006: Lundin and Josephson (Rural/Community LTC Services)

December 2006: Ross and Josephson (Mental Health)

February 2007: Josephson and Chang (Chronic/Palliative Care)

Other commissioners will be invited to assist with the hearings and subsequent summary reports.

The Committee also recommended that geriatric training and workforce development issues be addressed at all relevant hearings. Commissioners were encouraged (at own expense) to attend the annual meeting of the California Council for Gerontology and Geriatrics.

M/S/C Ross/Lacayo

**TO ACCEPT THE TWO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
AS PRESENTED.**

**XVII. Medicare Part D Resolution (continued from XII above)**

Commissioners Schachter and Goode presented their resolution related to Medicare Part D.

M/S Scharlach/Ayala

**TO APPROVE THE MEDICARE PART D RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.**

M/S/C Scharlach/Yee

**TO AMEND THE MEDICARE PART D RESOLUTION, TAKING OUT REFERENCES  
TO PARTICULAR PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAMS.**

M/S/C Scharlach/Ayala

**TO APPROVE THE MEDICARE PART D RESOLUTION AS AMENDED AND  
DIRECT STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS  
DISCUSSION. THE FINAL RESOLUTION APPEARS BELOW:**

**“Medicare Part D has had a disastrous beginning for all  
concerned – patients, pharmacists, physicians, caregivers.  
The CCoA urges Congressional hearings at the earliest  
possible time to consider remedial action, including  
legislative and administrative changes needed to serve all  
parties.**

**We point particularly to:**

- 1) The ability of drug purveyors to unilaterally change  
formularies.**
- 2) The lack of control over the pricing of drugs by suppliers.**
- 3) The refusal of Medicare to authorize the provision of  
instruments needed for the administration of supplied  
drugs.**
- 4) The imposition of charges on very low-income Medicare  
recipients previously exempt from such charges.**
- 5) The lack of emphasis upon effective, safe generic  
medications, and education of physicians, pharmacists,  
and patients.**



**We refer you to the attached editorial (LA Times 12/10/05) which urges the institution of a prescription program directly administered by Medicare, creating a program of federally-purchased drugs to establish competitive pricing benchmarks for all essential pharmaceuticals.”**

**XVIII. Election of Officer (continued from XIV above)**

Fitzpatrick announced the results of yesterday's voting for members of the Executive Committee for 2006:

Chair – Lambrinos

Vice Chair – Esquivel

Members At Large – Glavaz, Lacayo, Ross, Schachter

Nominees Davis and Kim-Selby received a tie vote. A second ballot was distributed. The result of the second ballot was the election of Kim-Selby to the Executive Committee as a member at large.

**XIX. Next Meeting**

The next CCoA meeting will be April 24-25, 2006 in Concord

**XX. Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.